

# Statue of Anne Frank is on the island and ready to be unveiled



After months of painstaking work and delicate care put into the creation of an Anne Frank statue, Fundacion RESPETA BIDA....semper corda, which translates from Papiamentu to the RESPECT LIFE....always remember Foundation, is proud to announce that the statue has arrived on the island.

The Anne Frank statue was created in the Netherlands by Dutch bronze artist Joep Coppens, who used the same process to create the bronze statue as was used in ancient times. Once finished, the statue was packed up and transported on a KLM Cargo plane to Aruba, where the statue will be unveiled in its new home in the Wilhelmina Park.

RESPECT LIFE....always remember was founded to safeguard the rights of every member of society in Aruba, promote tolerance, solidarity, freedom and equality of every

co-citizen, and fight specifically against practices of: racism, anti-semitism and xenophobia, which can rear their heads at any time.

The first board of directors of the foundation, consisting of Mrs. Diana Gonzalez-Pieters as president and Mr. Jose Fernandes Perna as vice-president; Mrs. Martha Goldenberg-Lichtenstein as secretary, Mrs. Shereen de Cuba as treasurer, Mrs. Gwenan Boekhoudt, International Relations and Special Affairs, and Ms Shade Cybulkiewicz, Public Relations, is extending an open invitation to the community of Aruba to be a part of the statue's unveiling ceremony when the sun sets on June 12th, which is also Anne Frank's birthday.

Photos show the Anne Frank statue boxed up and ready for its flight on KLM to Aruba.